

Senate Resolution 821

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Mullis of the 53rd, Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Thompson of the 33rd and others

**ADOPTED**

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to allow the Georgia Department of Transportation to enter into multiyear construction agreements without obligating present funds for the full obligation to the state under the full term of such agreements; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article VII, Section IV of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph XII. **Multiyear construction agreements.** The General Assembly may by general law authorize the Georgia Department of Transportation to enter into construction agreements without obligating present funds for the full amount of obligation the state may bear under the full term of any such construction agreement. Any such agreement shall provide for the termination of the agreement in the event of insufficiency of funds and shall limit the payments or other obligations of the state to not more than ten fiscal years. For the purposes of calculating fiscal years, any portion of a fiscal year shall count as a complete fiscal year."

**SECTION 2.**

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to allow the Georgia Department of Transportation to enter into multiyear construction agreements without requiring appropriations in the current fiscal year for the total amount of payments that would be due under the entire agreement so as to reduce long-term construction costs paid by the state?"

- 26 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."  
27 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
28 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
29 become a part of the Constitution of this state.